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Case Study: Pitt State's Jim Johnson



Win AD is a database of financial information for D-II college athletics, empowering thousands of administrators with turnkey, actionable strategies to increase revenues and save time. The easily searchable information in Win AD gives you access to thousands of current .pdf contracts in major financial categories and lets you negotiate from a place of power. Pittsburg State Athletic Director Jim Johnson discusses how Win AD impacts salary benchmarking in Division II, expectation management, and communication with key internal and external constituents.

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→ Where are you leveraging *Win AD* in your daily operations?

"You can go into Win AD and manage the data to get exactly what you need. With other reports and surveys, you have a lot of information that isn't really pertinent. With Win AD I can really get what I need very quickly and easily – whether it's coaching salaries, guarantee game data or vendor contracts."

→ How does *Win AD* compare to your old processes for analysis and benchmarking?

"There is a lot of information you don't need in the reports we have access to today. I don't want to sift through additional, unnecessary data. It's a waste of time. Also, I don't want to suggest that other data is unreliable, but copies of actual contracts are verifiable and accurate."

→ Why is accurate data critical in benchmarking, negotiations and expectation management?

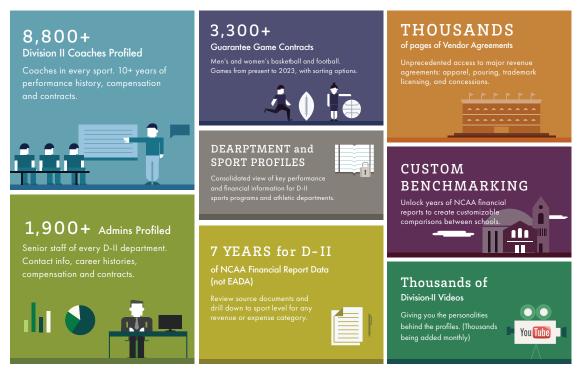
"I used a survey recently to do a comparative salary analysis for certain head coach position. I compared the survey data to the Win AD data and the survey under-reported the salary by \$20,000 compared to the contract data in Win AD. You can fill out a survey and put down whatever you want, whereas Win AD provides reliability, flexibility, and I know I am comparing apples to apples. It can help with recruitment and retention of staff and can help put people's minds at ease when otherwise they might be operating on misinformation."

→ Other than salaries, where have you found the data to be impactful?

"We're using the financial data for benchmarking on things like student fees, sport-level budgets, and long term planning. It was very helpful to see the full picture of student-fee revenue and institutional support through Win AD. It helped us more effectively communicate with boosters and university leadership because we were using reliable information in context."

→ How would you sum up *Win AD* for other Division-II Athletics Directors who are considering the investment?

"It's certainly worth the investment. I haven't found a better tool to be able to pull accurate data you can rely on. I haven't seen anything that is this easy to use and this reliable. Quite honestly, I have used it a lot more than I thought I would.



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